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1. POLITICAL WARFARE ORGANIZATION: COLONEL PELL NALL, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL WARFARE FOR FANK, HAS MOVED TO A NEW BUILDING WHICH WILL HOUSE THE COMPLETE POLITICAL WARFARE DIRECTORATE MINUS THE 2 D POLITICAL BUREAU (PSYOPS) WHICH REMAINS NEAR FANK GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS. THE FIVE POLITICAL BUREAUS ARE NOW BEING FILLED WITH PERSONNEL AND WILL NOT BE COMPLETELY OPERATIONAL FOR SEVERAL MORE MONTHS. THE EXCEPTION IS THE 2 D POLITICAL BUREAU WHICH INHERITED THE STAFF AND BUILDING OF THE PREVIOUS 5 TH BUREAU (PSYOPS). THIS IS BY FAR THE LARGEST POLITICAL BUREAU WITH AN AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF 935. PRESENTLY THERE ARE 480 ASSIGNED. THIS BUREAU, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP
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OF COLONEL AM RONG, CONTINUES TO CONDUCT THE BULK OF POLITICAL WARFARE OPERATIONS PENDING THE OPERATIONAL READINESS OF THE POLITICAL WARFARE DIRECTORATE. THE PROPOSED POLITICAL WARFARE REGIMENT HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED TO A MORE REALISTIC BATTALION SIZE AND IS PROGRAMMED TO BE PARTIALLY MAP SUPPORTED.

2. FANK LEAFLET OPERATIONS: FANK PSYOPS LEAFLET OPERATIONS CONTINUED TO DECLINE SLIGHTLY DUE PRIMARILY TO HIGHER AIR-CRAFT PRIORITIES. 6000 KILOS OF LEAFLETS (APPROXIMATELY 6.6 TONS) WERE DROPPED BY C-47 AIRCRAFT.

A. LEAFLET THEMES USED IN FEBRUARY:

LEAFLET NUMBER	THEME
9, 10, 11	RALLIER THEMES LEAFLETS
12	CONSCIENCE OF THE KHMER POPULATION LEAFLET

B. LEAFLET DROP DATES, AMOUNTS AND LOCATIONS:

DATE	WEIGHT	LEAFLET NO.	LOCATION
6 FEB 73	3000 KG.	9, 10, 11	ODDAR MEANCHEY, PREAH VIHEAR, KOMPONG PHNOM, SIEM REAP, KRATIE, STUNG TRENG, RATTANAKIRI, AND MONDOLKIRI.
26 FEB 73	2000 KG.	12	KANDAL, NEAK LUONG, RN15, VIHEAR SUOR, ODDONG MEANCHEY, RN2, AND RN3.
28 FEB 73	1000 KG.	12	RN6 FROM PHNOM PENH TO SKOUN, RN7 FROM SKOUN TO JUNCTION WITH RN15.

3. PSYOPS THEMES: PRESIDENT LON NOL' S " PEACE OFFENSIVE" CONTINUES TO RECEIVE THE HIGHEST PSYCHOLOGICAL PRIORITY. THREE NEW POSTERS AND LEAFLETS HAVE APPEARED IN PHNOM PENH AND THE PROVINCES ALL DEALING WITH THE CONCILIATORY THEMES TOWARD THE KHMER INSURGENTS, AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF NVA/ NC TROOPS FROM CAMBODIA. THE KI, IN TURN, HAVE MOUNTED THEIR OWN MILITARY OFFENSIVE DURING FEBRUARY WHICH WAS PARTIALLY NEUTRALIZED THE GKR PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFORT. THERE HAVE AS YET BEEN FEW CONCRETE INDICATIONS THAT THE LEAFLET CAMPAIGNS OF THE GKR HAVE HAD AN APPRECIABLE EFFECT ON RALLYING. IN

EMBASSY' S KNOWLEDGE, ONLY TWO RALLIERS, AN NVA CAPTAIN AND

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HIS KHMER WIFE WHO SURRENDERED IN JANUARY, HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY READ AND WERE INFLUENCED BY RALLIER LEAFLETS. HOWEVER, THE GKR REPORTED 292 RALLIERS IN FEBRUARY WHICH IS THE HIGHEST TOTAL IN THE LAST YEAR. DAO HAS VERIFIED THAT THIS TOTAL WAS CONFIRMED BY FANK J2 AND IS REASONABLY ACCURATE.

4. POLITICAL WARFARE SCHOOL: THE POLITICAL WARFARE SCHOOL IN PHNOM PENH GRADUATED ITS FIRST EXCLUSIVELY CIVILIAN CLASS IN FEBRUARY, 60 BUSINESS AND LABOR LEADERS WHO WERE GIVEN A TWO- WEEK ORIENTATION COURSE ON POLWAR.
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